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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #30

VE Day 80th Anniversary Commemorations in Ashbourne- Service of Remembrance

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, The Royal British Legion in Ashbourne will be holding a special Service of Remembrance at the Memorial Gates at 1:00pm on Saturday 10th May 2025.

The service will include readings, the laying of wreaths, and the unveiling of new remembrance benches in Ashbourne Park.

All staff, students and their families are warmly invited to attend this meaningful act of remembrance and reflection as a time to remember all those who served, sacrificed, and were impacted by the war, both on the front lines and at home.

This service will be followed by an afternoon of celebrations at Ashbourne Recreation Ground – please see the attached poster to the bulletin for more information.

Sixth Form updates

Lots to share from the Sixth Form over the last week or so. Firstly, we would like to wish our Year 13 students' the best of luck in their upcoming exams. Today marked their final day at Sixth Form with study leave and exams starting on Monday. An assembly with memories, videos and awards followed by a BBQ gave them a good send off. Good luck to all involved in exams over the next 2 months.



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Secondly, we have had lots of things going on in our tutor programme and life skills. Last week we have had a trip out to Sheffield Hallam University which included a university style subject taster for all students. On Wednesday this week we had a visit from The Robin Cancer Trust to talk to Year 12's about the common symptoms of ovarian and testicular cancer. Lots of great advice about checking yourself regularly and being checked if you're not sure. Then last night we celebrated our Year 13's final council meeting with pizza. Thank you to all member of the outgoing council and their head students for all the hard work over the past year and good luck to the new council who we will introduce soon.



To keep up to date with all things QEGS 6th form please follow us on Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/qegsixthform/>

Canteen Competition

The Canteen is asking students through a competition to provide ideas for a new theme day menu based on student's ideas and favourite recipes. Students can pick up a form to complete in the canteen and the lucky winner will get to enjoy lunch with a friend on the theme day for free! Forms to be returned to the canteen before Friday 23rd May please.

Upcoming from 19th May is 'National Sandwich Week' with a new filling to try each day!

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust.

Currently live for QEGS vacancies:

- Midday Supervisor
- Cover Supervisor
- Teacher of History
- Caretaker

<https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 1 –

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/canteen/>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 12th May onwards -- A Levels & GCSE examinations
- 13th May – Primary Sports, cricket
- 14th May – Primary Arts, Day 2
- 19th May – 23rd May – GCSE Geography Rivers Trips
- 20th May – Primary Sports, Kwik cricket
- 23rd May – Year 11 Leavers Assembly
- 23rd May – Last Day of half term

Finally

We are delighted to share some fantastic news with you: over the past few months, we have seen a significant increase in the number of positive on-calls across the school. These moments of recognition highlight the excellent behaviour, effort, and attitude of our students, and we could not be prouder of the direction our school community is heading.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for their continued commitment, and of course, thank you, our parents and carers, for the invaluable support you provide every day. The partnership between home and school is key to our success, and your encouragement makes a real difference.

Together, we are continuing to develop and strengthen the culture of #TEAMQEGS, a shared sense of pride, belonging, and purpose. Later this academic year, we will be sending out a short survey to gather your views on what it truly means to be part of Team QEGS. Your insights, along with the thoughts of our students, will help us shape and define this identity even further.

We are also pleased to share that this week saw the launch of our very first boxing club, brilliantly led by a parent volunteer alongside Mr Bateman. It was a great success and a fantastic example of the positive impact of community involvement within our school.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, together, we are building something truly special.

Finally, we would like to extend our very best wishes to all our examination students as they begin their formal assessments. They have been truly exceptional in their preparation, focused, resilient, and dedicated, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. We hope they enjoy a restful and restorative weekend and return next week ready to approach their exams with confidence and determination.

We wish you all a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

Yours faithfully



Matt Walker

Deputy Headteacher

Enc – VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations from Ashbourne Town Council



Ashbourne Town Council

invites you to the

VE DAY

80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Ashbourne Recreation Ground

Saturday 10th May 2025, 2.00 - 9.45pm



Plan your day - all children's activities and entertainment are free!

TIME

EVENT

2.00pm

Event opens! The MC for the day will be Mr John Haynes from Dove Radio. Free entry for all, come and join us!

2 - 9.45pm

Ashbourne Town Council invite you to join them for a free day of entertainment. Marvel at the interactive walkabout artists, whilst children can enjoy testing their skills on a climbing wall, getting their face painted, free swingboats and a bouncy slide! Enjoy some delicious fayre from one of our many drink and food vendors.

2 - 9.30pm

Live music throughout the day. We have Ashbourne's very own Olivia Grime and Martyn Allcock with more to be announced on social media. The grand finale will be performed by Breaking Poynt, Ashbourne's Rock and Metal Band, who will be closing procedures with a bang!

9.30pm

Firework Display

9.40pm

Breaking Poynt - The Evening's Finale

9.45pm

Event Ends



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80TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 MAY 2025

SITE MAP

Ashbourne Recreation Ground

Cokayne Avenue, DE6 1EJ

Saturday 10th May 2025

**STAGE FOR ALL
MUSIC ACTS**



**FOOD AND DRINK
AVENUE**

**CHILDREN'S RIDES
AND ACTIVITIES**



**COKAYNE
AVENUE CAR
PARK CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC
ALL DAY**

**THE
PAVILION**

**Please keep off
the cricket pitch**

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